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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Raeann Gorden. (3) _____.

(2) Dalbert Shefte. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 25 January 2002.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: McLaughlin.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant will amend claims to overcome the 112 rejection. Applicant will amend claim 1 by replacing the baseball with softball. Examiner explained the specification disclosed the softball with a diameter from 4-5 inches, which would not overcome the a golf ball with a minimum diameter of 1.68 inches. Applicant explained a golf ball hole is 4.25 inches and a golf ball could not be larger than the hole. Examiner explained the USGA standards have a minimum limitation but no maximum limitation for the diameter of a golf ball. Applicant will submit arguments supporting his arguments in the next action.